

Worker Training Grants for Wisconsin High School Pupils

Building Capacity

High School Pupil Worker Training grants support Wisconsin employer-driven workforce programs in collaboration with school districts, educational partners, and/or technical colleges to train and hire high school students.

Partnerships include work-based learning, apprenticeship preparations, and dual credit models. Successful projects ensure that graduates receive industry-recognized certifications from the 2013 Wisconsin Act 59 approved list and obtain employment in documented high-demand fields.

Total Funding set aside: up to \$3,000,000

Award amount: \$5,000 to \$150,000

Match: \$.50 to \$1 (applicant provides half of the WFF grant amount)

Proposed Timeline:

High School Pupil GPA Release (January 20, 2016)

High School Pupil GPA's Due (March 16, 2016)

Grant Announcements (May 16, 2016)

Current Metrics:

DWD's Office of Skills Development (OSD) has issued intent to award of \$4.6 million in high school workforce training grants for 75 projects to train over 2,000 high school pupils in high demand fields.

Training programs are developed with the needs of the employer partner as a focus, ensuring that trainees would gain marketable and valuable skills that would help the business meet its talent development needs.

Success Story:

New Berlin School District, Waukesha County

\$27,000 grant to train 20 High School Student Trainees as Certified Nursing Assistants

The New Berlin School District's Blueprint for Prosperity Initiative – High School Pupil Worker Training grant will train 20 high school students for a career pathway in healthcare as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). Successful trainees receive CNA certification, Waukesha County Technical College credits, and job placement opportunities at Linden Grove, Wheaton Franciscan – Elmbrook Memorial Campus, and other local healthcare facilities.